

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bernhard WIRNITZER et al.  
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CODING AND DECODING  
PRINTED DATA  
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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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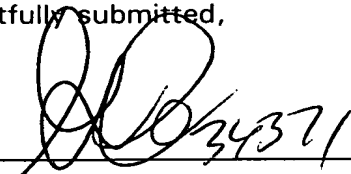
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